

## **Historic, archived document**

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.



## SPECIALTIES

Cucumber  
Muskmelon  
Watermelon  
Squash  
Pumpkin, etc.

# Lawrence Robinson & Sons

INCORPORATED

GROWERS OF

CALIFORNIA &amp; COLORADO SEEDS

BALTIMORE, MD.  
108 Custom House Ave.

OMAHA, NEBR.  
12th and Jones Sts.

Cable Address  
"Robandsons"  
All Codes

Rocky Ford, Colo.

JOHN A. ROBINSON  
Manager

Modesto, California August 1, 1938

## --CONNECTICUT STRAITNECK SQUASH--

Lawrence Robinson & Sons, Inc. give no warranty, express or implied, as to description, quality, productiveness or any other matter of any seeds sold by them and they will not be in any way responsible for the crop.

The writer has favored the use of the Golden Straitneck squashes, ever since the improved types have appeared. They are ahead in earliness, fully as prolific and as attractive as the Golden Crookneck types, with the decided advantage of economy of space in packing and less breakage.

The original Giant Summer Straitneck squash was first listed, so far as we know, in 1896 by Vaughan Seed Store Chicago. It was simply a selection from Giant Summer Crookneck and attained no great popularity. It was a few days later and produced but about 90% true Straitneck squash.

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station at New Haven started in 1926 to breed a new early productive summer squash. After nine years work the result was Connecticut Straitneck and we consider its introduction rather outstanding. Mr. L.C. Curtis was in charge of the work.

One of its characteristics is the small vine growths, about one-half the size of standard commercial varieties, which has valuable advantages as much thicker plantings can be made, resulting in really heavy crops.

The fruit grows to a length of about 10 inches in a week after blossoming, the neck is thick while the blossom end is decidedly blunt with a large blossom scar. The blunt blossom end makes the squash more symmetrical than when pointed. The color is, briefly, lemon, and we like this color better than in some strains, as the fruits on the vegetable stands always have a distinct fresh appearance.

Now as regards earliness; the observations at New Haven of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station are that Connecticut Straitneck produces fruit two weeks ahead of any similar strain. This extreme earliness of Connecticut Straitneck is outstanding, and further this strain exceeded all other strains in the number of early fruit.

In trials for six years while being developed at two stations in Connecticut the Connecticut Straitneck has exceeded all others in the production of early fruit.

We have out an ample acreage, we will supply excellent photographs in season, and earnestly recommend the addition of Connecticut Straitneck to your list of varieties.

\*\*\*\*\*

Crop conditions so far are normal, some losses from various causes, but on the whole we would say conditions were from fair to good. With the smallest acreage growing within anyone's memory, almost, it would not be surprising to see values increase, with many shortages developing.

Don't forget we are offering the small mixed ornamental gourds; our planting seed from Dippe, Quedlinburg. We feel we have a decidedly superior mixture.

Respectfully,

LAWRENCE ROBINSON & SONS

